

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 23 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 17-22 are pending in this application.

Claims 23-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 28-29 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,597,608. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 23-24. Accordingly, it is believed that this rejection is deemed moot.

Claims 17-22 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 20-22 and 25-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,597,608. In response, Applicant herewith submits a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection as U.S. Patent No. 6,597,608 is commonly owned with this application. It is believed that this rejection is obviated by filing of the terminal disclaimer.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17-22 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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